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Title: Need to stop mining activities in Vishakahapatnam district & setting up of refinery in Vizhianagaram district to safeguard the interests of tribal people.

The Andhra Pradesh State Government is to undertake Bauxite mining in the Agency (tribal) tract of Vishakhapatnam District through the A.P. Mineral Development Corporation and to allow the Jindal Group to set up the alumina refinery in Vizhianagaram District. The people of the area is organizing big demonstration to stop against the Jindal factory. It will result in an ecological disaster in the tribal tracts and water resources in the tribal tracts would be affected. Any mining activity will lead to destruction of forests, as everyone knows tribes eke out a living even without education by collecting Addaku, Kara kaya and other minor forest produce. Such a mega project by the Jindal Group would cause massive displacement of indigenous people in the agency belt or Vishakhapatnam and Vizhianagaram districts. If the refinery factory is set up in the region the people would be further migrated and face livelihood problem.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government of India to intervene in the matter and instructions may kindly be given to the concerned authorities to stop the project immediately.

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